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ARMORY PLANS WERE APPROVED BY BOARD

Building to be of Red Brick, 142 by 50 Feet, Main Floor and Finished Basement Entire Length.

EQUIPMENT TO BE ELABORATE

Social Rooms, Kitchen, Heating Plant, Running Track, Billiard Room and also a Bowling Alley.

Plans for the new armory were approved the first of the week by the armory board consisting of John Corbett, J. S. Vaught, A. W. Brock, and John Watson. The members went to El Paso the first of the week to go over the plans and make such changes as were found necessary in the preliminary sketches. The plans as approved call for a most attractive structure that will have uses other than those strictly military.

The front elevation shows a broad arch with steel-barred doors, towers and castellated walls. The main entrance leads up the wide steps to the drill hall, which is to be 110 feet by 47½ feet. On either side of the main entrance will be located the officers' rooms. Over these rooms will be a balcony floor facing the hall. Above the floor on a level with the balcony will be a running track, the essential feature of the gymnasium equipment. The floor of the drill hall will be of double timber with felt between.

The basement will be four feet below the surface of the street and eight feet above it with all the windows required for the best ventilation and light. This floor will extend the full length and breadth of the building, 142 by 50 feet. To the right of the entrance will be located the first of the social club rooms consisting of a suite of two. Here a fireplace will be constructed and the conveniences for reading and writing. A store room will occupy space at the left of the entrance. The main part of the basement will be equipped with a bowling alley and billiard tables. In the rear are the locker rooms, baths, toilets, kitchen, heating plant, and another store room and connecting hall.

It is thought that work will be started in less than thirty days. The board hopes to use the red brick manufactured at the state penitentiary. As soon as this material is to be had the contract will be let.

SOCIETY West End Five Hundred Club

The West End Five Hundred Club was pleasantly entertained Saturday evening with a tuckey party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Rawson on Nickel avenue. It was given in honor of Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Reames, who are about to leave for their new home in Kansas City.

Five hundred was played until 10 o'clock, after which an elaborate luncheon was served and Mr. and Mrs. Reames were presented with a beautiful piece of cut-glass. Mr. and Mrs. Reames will be missed from the Five Hundred Club as well as from other circles.

Social Circle

The Social Circle of the Presbyterian church will meet at the home of Mrs. J. B. Hodgdon next Wednesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock.

Bridge

Mrs. H. F. Kettler entertained with a bridge party last Wednesday evening.

Sewing Club

The West End Sewing Club met with Mrs. J. S. Williams Tuesday afternoon. The rooms were very beautifully decorated with shasta daisies and American Beauty roses. A delightful 2-course luncheon was served.

Bridge

Mrs. F. E. Morton entertained at bridge in honor of Miss Beatrice Crowe of Columbus, Ohio, Friday afternoon.

Enchilada Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Schoeff entertained a few friends with an enchilada dinner last evening at their home in honor of Miss Beatrice Crowe who is the guest of Mrs. F. E. Morton.

MCMAHON AND BENNETT OF HACHITA KILLED BY TRAIN

R. C. McMahon, a saloon keeper, and J. T. Bennett, a cattleman, both of Hachita, were killed by a Southern Pacific freight train somewhere between Deming and Separ last Sunday. McMahon was instantly killed and Bennett died soon after the accident while the freight train was speeding for help toward Lordsburg. The bodies were taken into Deming. The two men had been transacting business in Deming and had started home in an automobile which gave out on the road during a heavy rain which stalled the engine. They were run down by the train while walking on the tracks facing the blinding rain.

D. Bailey of Faywood was transacting business in Deming yesterday.

J. W. Silverwright of Tyrone was in the city Monday.

H. B. Weeks of Santa Rita was a Deming visitor the first of the week.

J. W. FOSTER, PIONEER, DIED SUNDAY AT THE HOME OF DAUGHTER

Had Been Invalid for More Than a Year; Funeral Services Were Held Tuesday Afternoon at Home, and Burial Made in Local Cemetery.

J. M. Foster, a pioneer farmer and cattleman, died at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Jennie Pierce, at 8 o'clock last Sunday morning. He was 82 years old and had been ill for more than a year. Thirty years ago Mr. Foster came here from Missouri where he was born. Funeral services were held at 3 o'clock Tuesday afternoon at the home of his daughter at the corner of Copper avenue and Cedar street. The Rev. W. E. Foulks preached the funeral sermon. There were many beautiful floral offerings from friends and relatives. Burial was made in the local cemetery.

The wife of the deceased died ten years ago. He is survived by his daughters, Mrs. Jennie Pierce, Mrs. L. L. Browning, and Mrs. Susie Wells, all of Deming; and Thomas Foster of Santa Barbara, Cal.

Mr. Foster was one of those pioneers prominently identified with the early days in Grant county and will be remembered as one of those who bore a share of the hardships incident to the founding of a new empire in the Southwest.

NEW MEXICO IMPLEMENT CO. INSTALLS THREE ENGINES

The New Mexico Implement Company has just delivered three 10 horse-power Fairbanks-Morse engines for use on the Mimbres Valley Alfalfa Farms Company's tract of 3,000 acres east of the city. The engines now being placed on the foundations form part of a unit of five recently installed by the New Mexico Implement Company. The greater part of this tract has been sold out and a campaign to complete the selling is now being conducted.

Miss Beatrice Crowe of Columbus, Ohio, is the guest of Dr. and Mrs. F. E. Morton.

W. H. Cord of Tyrone was in the city the first of the week.

FINE FIELD OF FETERITA WITHOUT ANY IRRIGATION

M. H. Parsons is showing a 5-acre field of the very best feterita heading out perfectly which has never been irrigated. Last fall the land was plowed ten inches deep and all the winter moisture conserved by harrowing. Planting was done April 15 and the seed placed five inches in the soil. The crop has grown steadily through all the dry weather without curling a leaf and now that the summer rains are coming a bumper yield is sure. Mr. Parsons lives west of the city in the Red Mountain district.

GOOD RAINS FELL ALL OVER SOUTHERN NEW MEXICO

Good rains are reported from practically every section of southern New Mexico. Three inches fell at Deming during the past week. Train services on the Deming branch of the Santa Fe between here and Albuquerque and here and Silver City has been greatly deranged by washouts. The ranchmen and farmers report range and crops in fine condition.

H. G. Bash is transacting business in Santa Fe.

MANY PRETTY FARMS IN MESILLA VALLEY

Company I, New Mexico National Guard, Enjoyed Trip to Las Cruces and up the Rio Grande.

HIKED TO THE DIVERSION DAM

Enjoyed Everything Save Water. Mosquitoes, and Strange Brand of Las Cruces Hospitality.

Shortly before noon Saturday the battalion of national guardsmen, of which Company I of Deming is a unit, broke camp at Dona Ana on the Rio Grande and began the last leg of the march which took them on a



WINNING RIFLE TEAM



COMPANY I AT INSPECTION



BREAKING CAMP FOR HOME

7-day hike from Las Cruces to the Lonsburg diversion dam and back. When the battalion was formed every man of the Deming contingent was in line, brown as Indians and fit as pugilists. Company I set a pace which some of the others found difficult to follow.

The local company went to camp with forty men and three officers and none was on the sick list except for slight indispositions. All blisters on the feet were fatal, still would have been dead.

SLEPT IN THE MUD

The battalion mobilized at Las Cruces Monday morning, the Deming organization reaching the armory at 9:30 o'clock. At 11 o'clock the command took up the hike to Hill, completing this leg of the journey Monday afternoon. Camp was made in a cottonwood grove between two large reclamation canals. That night it rained so hard that the ground was converted into a mud puddle. Those who had failed to ditch around their tents were flooded out. The unlucky ones spent the remainder of the night in wet blankets or standing uncomfortably in an abandoned reclamation tent house. The downpour did not cease until late Tuesday afternoon.

DISLIKED THE WATER

The greatest hardship for the Deming boys was the bitter water, of which the members of Company I complained loudly. A bucket of Deming's 99.99 could have been disposed of at a handsome profit among the exiles. Although the water would quench no thirst and was full of organic matter, it was declared not actually unhealthful. The mosquitoes were very persistent and unwelcome visitors in the camp among "los adios." On account of the water exposed in the Rio Grande river, the reclamation canals, and in the ditches or the farms, the mosquitoes are quite numerous. Some of the poets are said to be infected with fever.

G. M. Sadler returned yesterday from an extended trip to middle western points.

Gifts to Public Library

The following gifts are acknowledged with thanks at the public library:

One book of fiction, and magazines, by L. L. Landmichel; seven miscellaneous books, by Mrs. Jennie Moon; one juvenile book, by Mrs. Charlotte Thurmond; Webster's Unabridged Dictionary, waste paper basket, feather duster, from an Unknown Friend.

Mrs. Oon Wells, mother of E. C. Wells, Joe Wells, and Will Wells, is in the city visiting. She expects to return to her home in El Paso the first of next week.

Mrs. Sam Watkins left the city Wednesday for Los Angeles.

Miss Margaret Lide is spending the summer as guest of Miss Katherine Sullivan at 315 Cooper avenue.

FRENCH GOVERNMENT BUYING LUNA COUNTY HORSES

Ernest Roberts, buyer of cavalry and artillery horses for the French government, left Deming Wednesday with a consignment for the European battlefields which will be shipped with others from Fort Worth, Texas. Mr. Roberts bought sixty horses in Luna county and hundreds from surrounding sections. He will return in a few weeks to buy more horses and will again establish his headquarters at the Dines hotel.

Mrs. R. O. Darbyshire who has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. J. J. Sullivan during the past month, returned to her home at Anthony, N. M., yesterday morning.

Another wash-out on the Silver City end of the Santa Fe railroad caused a 12-hour delay, Wednesday's train arriving yesterday morning.

Miss Gladys Jackson of Mogollon was a visitor in the city yesterday.

CREAMERY ASSOCIATION FINISHED BUILDING ON RAILROAD BOULEVARD

Board of Directors to Meet August 4 to Buy Equipment to Take Care of Milk From 600 Cows; 300 Cows are Already Pledged to Enterprise.

Work on the cooperative creamery building near the union station on Railroad boulevard has been completed. The building is 24 by 58 feet of adobe laid up in mortar and plastered on the inside. The floors are all cement. The structure is fire proof, frost proof and fitted with a ventilating system to disperse the odors. The board of directors will meet August 4 to buy the necessary equipment and to make arrangements for the hiring of a competent butter maker. The plant is being built and equipped to care for the milk of 600 cows. Business will be started with about 300 cows.

The farmers cooperating in the work expect to make a product equal in every respect to the Elgin butter. They expect to advertise in this section to gain control of an adequate market that will give them the maximum returns for their efforts.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Betts of Silver City were in Deming yesterday en route from southern California to their home.

HIGH SCHOOL ANNUALS ARE ON SALE AT DRUG STORES

In order to pay all the expenses of the graduating class it will be necessary for the members to sell the rest of the annuals which they issued and which are intended to present in word and picture every phase of school work in Deming and with the addition of many graphic articles on the points of interest in the city and surrounding country. The issue was sold in the beginning at seventy-five cents each, but in order to wind up their business the class is offering the annuals that cost them a dollar each at thirty-five cents. Everyone ought to buy one or more and send away to friends or relatives who are interested in the Mimbres Valley. The annuals are on sale at the Central and Rosser drug stores.

IMPROVEMENT MADE IN THE SOUTHERN PACIFIC OFFICE

Ralph Grayson will again hand out the tickets for the Southern Pacific Company at the local union station. The installing of a ticket agent will take a burden from the dispatchers who have had to attend to the wires and windows, with consequent inconvenience to patrons of the railroad. The heavy traffic has made the addition unavoidable.

Methodist Church

Sunday school 9:45, J. S. Vaught, superintendent; morning worship, 11 o'clock; Epworth League; evening worship; prayer meeting each Wednesday evening at 8 o'clock. Capitol Dome afternoon service at the school house August 1 by E. C. Morgan.

Subject of sermon next Sunday morning, "Conscience not infallible." Rev. Theodore Platt will preach at this church at the union service in the evening. Miss Clayton Foulks leads the Epworth League, subject, "The promise of protection."

The sacrament of infant baptism will be administered at 5 p. m. Sunday. This service is open to all, and adults who wish, may come then.

RUSSIANS WILL LOSE WARSAW, IT IS SAID

Better to Lose a City Than an Army, is Philosophy of Military Critics at Petrograd in Russia.

GERMANS SIMPLY TOO STRONG

Slav Artillery Cannot Meet Teutons Until Such Time as the Ammunition Supplies are Adequate.

The military critics of the newspapers of Petrograd, after conversation with competent military authorities, called upon the Russian public to view the events which are about to transpire with confidence and tranquility and to "maintain their faith in the glorious Russian army until such time as it shall take a decisive aggressive step to break, once for all, the power of the stubborn enemy."

"Until such time as our armies receive the needed military supplies, the most sensible thing is to avoid a battle and retreat to previously prepared positions, even though such retirement carry with it the occupation by the enemy of more extensive territory than previously held. It is easier to give up territory which may be regained than to sacrifice an army which could be replaced only with difficulty."

Quoting a military authority, the Reich says it is possible that Russia is on the eve of a maneuver which will consist of the retirement of the army from the Vistula to defensive positions marked by the strong fortresses of Krovno, Grodno and Brest-Litovsk. In conclusion, the Reich lays emphasis upon the necessity of giving greater weight to strategic than to political considerations.

The Bourse Gazette directs attention to an interview secured by its military writer, who says that 70 German divisions, all the German cavalry and a great part of the Austro-Hungarian army, is at present operating against Russia, thereby preventing such concentration of the Russian army on the northern front as would be necessary if Russia undertook at this time a decisive aggressive movement.

BASEBALL GAME TUESDAY FOR THE CEMETERY FUND

On Tuesday next, at 3 p. m., a game of baseball will be pulled off at the ball park, between the "Yellow Kids" and the Deming Boosters, the proceeds to be devoted to improving and beautifying the Deming cemetery. We know what the Boosters are as ball tossers, but only the old-time Demingites know the ability of the Yellow Kids—in their day the champions of the Southwest. Demingites never grow, and don't have to "come back," so it is fair prediction the young boosters will find the old boosters a hard nut to crack.

In the evening at the Crystal theater a dance will take place, music by the Fort Bayard orchestra. Everybody invited and a rattling good time guaranteed.

Tickets are on sale at the stores. Tickets on sale at the stores. Don't fail to get one or two, or a dozen, and help a good cause. Newt Bolich, acting for the board of trustees, has done much creditable work in the beautifying of our burying ground, but is handicapped for want of funds much of the time. If this effort should be as successful as it is hoped it will be the gratification of a beautiful cemetery which will more than repay the expenditure and the fun you will get out of the ball game.

Everybody boost for the ball game!

Silver City Has Flood

Following a rain of almost four inches in forty-eight hours, Silver City was visited Sunday by the worst flood it has had in seven years.

The downtown streets ran two feet deep with water for several hours, following a torrential downpour, the flood carrying along huge boulders and washing out Bullard and Yankin streets and Broadway for several blocks. Protective measures taken after the disastrous flood of ten years ago prevented serious damage.

The Gila, Mangos and Mimbres rivers are out of their banks and travel over the Mogollon road has been temporarily blocked. Train service is also demoralized by floods in southwestern New Mexico, washouts between Silver City and Deming on the Santa Fe tying up all mail traffic for a time.